

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-65 (Canceled).

Claim 66 (Currently Amended): An adenovirus which is defective for replication, wherein said adenovirus comprises an exogenous nucleotide sequence, and ~~which~~ wherein said adenovirus is derived from a natural adenovirus in that it lacks at least part of the E1A, E1B, or both regions, and at least a part of the E4 region, so that it is defective for the essential E1 and E4 functions and ~~can be prepared by passage in~~ requires a cell line providing the E1 and E4 functions *in trans* for replication, ~~and which comprises an exogenous nucleotide sequence.~~

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): A recombinant adenovirus comprising an adenovirus genome having a foreign gene and a promoter for expressing said foreign gene, wherein the function of an essential adenoviral E1 gene and an essential adenoviral E4 gene are completely deleted by removing a part or all of said E1 gene and said E4 gene.